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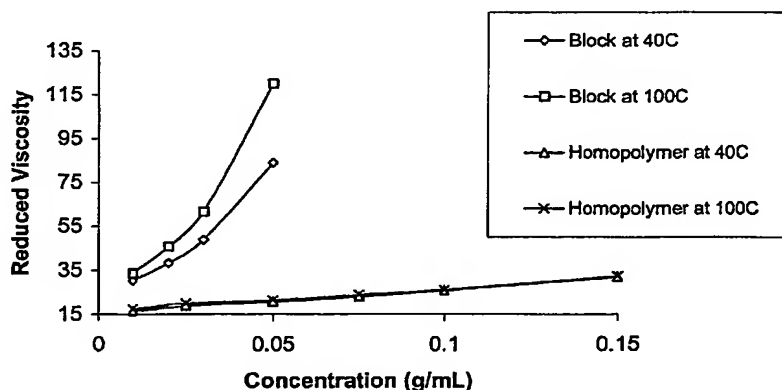
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**Reduced Viscosity vs. Concentration**



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to acrylic block copolymers synthesized by a controlled radical process, and their use as thickeners in oil-based compositions. The acrylic copolymers are especially useful as viscosity index improvers in lubricating oil.